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Texas National Guard Releases photo of Soldier



AUSTIN, Texas (July 19, 2022) – The Texas Military Department announced the death of a Texas National Guard Soldier supporting Operation Lone Star on Thursday.

Sgt. Alex Rios Rodriguez, 52, San Antonio, Texas, died July 14, 2022, in a non-mission related incident at his quarters in McAllen, Texas. Rodriguez suffered a medical emergency at the unit's hotel and was unable to be revived by emergency personnel. A command investigation is ongoing.

Texas Army National Guard Sgt. Alex Rios Rodriguez enlisted into the National Guard in 1998. His current unit of assignment is Delta Company, 536th Support Battalion based out of Bryan, Texas as an 88M, Motor Transportation Operator. He had no overseas operational deployments. His awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon. State awards include: Indiana Military Volunteer Emblem, Indiana Military Emergency Service Ribbon, Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, and the Texas Adjutant General Individual Award.

"Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Sgt. Rios Rodriguez," said Texas Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Thomas Suelzer. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time."

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